

**What is Claimed is:**

1. A transparent composite comprising:
  - (a) a first layer comprising a transparent substrate polymer material; and
  - (b) a second layer comprising a transparent fluorocarbon polymer film;
 

wherein the second layer is bonded to the first layer.
  
2. The transparent composite of claim 1 further comprising a transparent adhesive layer disposed between the first layer and the second layer.
  
3. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the first layer is a polycarbonate.
  
4. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer consists essentially of a transparent fluorocarbon polymer.
  
5. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer comprises a transparent material having the formula  $[-CF_2 - CF_2 - CH_2 - CH_2 -]_n$ .
  
6. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer consists essentially of a transparent material having the formula  $[-CF_2 - CF_2 - CH_2 - CH_2 - CH_2]_n$ .
  
7. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer comprises a transparent material having the formula  $[-CF_2 - CF_2 - CH_2 - \dot{C}H_2]_n$ , where n is of a value such that the transparent fluorocarbon polymer has a density between 1.7 and 1.8 and has a tensile strength of between about 5,000 psi at 25°C and 7,000 psi at 25°C.

8. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer consists essentially of a transparent material having the formula  $[-CF_2 - CF_2 - CH_2 - CH_2]_n$ , where n is of a value such that transparent fluorocarbon polymer has a density between 1.7 and 1.8 and has a tensile strength of between about 5,000 psi at 25°C and 7,000 psi at 25°C.

9. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer comprises a transparent material having the formula  $[-CF_2 - CF_2 - CF_2 - CF(CF_3)]_n$ .

10. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer consists essentially of a transparent material having the formula  $[-CF_2 - CF_2 - CF_2 - CF(CF_3)]_n$ .

11. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer comprises a transparent material having the formula  $[-CF_2 - CF_2 - CF(OC_3F_7) - CF_2]_n$ .

12. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer consists essentially of a transparent material having the formula  $[-CF_2 - CF_2 - CF(OC_3F_7) - CF_2]_n$ .

13. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer comprises a transparent material having the formula  $[-CFCl - CF_2]_n$ .

14. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer consists essentially of a transparent material having the formula  $[-CFCl - CF_2]_n$ .

15. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer comprises a transparent material having the formula  $[-CF_2 - CFCl - CF_2 - CFCl]_n$ .

16. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the second layer consists essentially of a transparent material having the formula  $[-CF_2 - CFCl - CF_2 - CFCl]_n$ .

17. The transparent composite of claim 1 wherein the first layer is flexible.
18. A chemical laboratory reaction enclosure having a transparent window, the transparent window being a transparent composite comprising:
- (a) a first layer comprising a substrate polymer material; and
  - (b) a second layer comprising a transparent fluorocarbon polymer; wherein the second layer is bonded to the first layer.
19. The chemical reaction laboratory reaction enclosure of claim 18 wherein the second layer consists essentially of a transparent fluorocarbon polymer.
20. The chemical reaction laboratory reaction enclosure of claim 18 wherein the second layer comprises a transparent material having the formula  $[-\text{CF}_2 - \text{CF}_2 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_2 -]_n$ .
21. The chemical reaction laboratory reaction enclosure of claim 18 wherein the second layer consists essentially of a transparent material having the formula  $[-\text{CF}_2 - \text{CF}_2 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_2 -]_n$ .
22. The chemical reaction laboratory reaction enclosure of claim 18 wherein the second layer comprises a transparent material having the formula  $[-\text{CF}_2 - \text{CF}_2 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_2 -]_n$ , where n is of a value such that the transparent fluorocarbon polymer has a density between 1.7 and 1.8 and has a tensile strength of between about 5,000 psi at 25°C and 7,000 psi at 25°C.
23. The chemical reaction laboratory reaction enclosure of claim 18 wherein the second layer consists essentially of a transparent material having the formula  $[-\text{CF}_2 - \text{CF}_2 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_2 -]_n$ , where n is of a value such that the transparent fluorocarbon polymer has a density between 1.7 and 1.8 and has a tensile strength of between about 5,000 psi at 25°C and 7,000 psi at 25°C.